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HARMONIOUS DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

Instructed Delegation Goes to Nashville on the 26th and 27.

HOOPER ADMINISTRATION CONDEMNED.

Hickey and J. F. Stanbery Elected Chairman and Secretary of the Democratic Executive Committee for the Ensuing Two Years.

In pursuance to a call published in Plain Talk and signed by the chairman and secretary of the County Democratic Executive Committee a mass meeting of Democrats was held at the house last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the gubernatorial convention at Nashville May 26th and 27th. The meeting was called to order by chairman R. B. Hickey and the call read by J. F. Stanbery. W. O. Mims moved that R. B. Hickey be made temporary chairman to preside over the meeting and no other nominations were made. J. F. Stanbery was nominated for secretary by J. A. Long and he was elected without opposition. A committee of five was appointed by the chairman on resolutions and delegations. The following resolutions were passed.

Resolutions.

Resolved, the Democrats of Cocke county, in convention assembled, affirm allegiance to Democratic principles as enunciated by Jefferson, practiced by Jackson and which have reached full fruition under the present national administration. The Democratic party stands for that which gives the individual the widest scope of activity for thought, and not only the nation, but Tennessee, as part of the same, should be governed by Democrats, who are in the majority in the state; have written her history for an hundred years and secured the enactment of all laws which have given us genuine reform along all lines. We view with displeasure the present state administration and feel that the time is at hand when all Democrats should unite to prevent the permanent Republicanizing of the state.

Therefore, be it resolved:

(1) That we endorse the administration of President Woodrow Wilson and approve the course of Senators Jno. K. Shields and Luke Lea in aiding in the enactment of progressive measures into laws which will cause the administration of President Wilson to be known as "epoch-making" in the affairs of the nation, for in history no other administration has seen the passage of so many laws for the well being of the masses.

(2) We endorse the candidacy of Judge Robert Burrow, of Bristol, for the Supreme Bench and instruct our delegates to vote for him in the convention to be held in Nashville May 26th, 1914, as long as his name is before the convention.

(3) We endorse Hon. T. A. Cox, of Washington and E. K. Bachman, of Sullivan for members of the State Democratic Executive Committee for the First

Congressional District and instruct our delegates to cast the vote of this county for him.

(4) On all questions coming before the convention the county shall vote as a unit, those delegates attending casting the vote of the county and no proxies are allowed.

The following is a list of delegates appointed to attend the convention:

J. R. Seehorn, Murray Stokely, F. H. Taylor, B. L. Warren, J. D. Brooks, Will Hux, Grayson Jarvis, Will Sisk, M. N. Stokely, Frank Stokely, W. V. Jones, Nick Wood, W. C. L. Bryan, A. J. Stokely, Fred Burnett, J. B. Lewis, J. C. Hurst, J. M. Susong, W. O. Mims, R. B. Hickey, J. A. Susong, W. B. Robinson, C. B. Mims, R. F. Bell, T. N. Huff, T. H. Campbell, G. S. Stokely, J. M. Stokely, F. S. Huff, J. F. Stanbery, James Hommel, W. D. Harrill, W. C. LaRue, W. A. Ratcliffe, Hugh Bible, J. F. Woodard, C. B. Mason, J. D. Rains, David Stokely, J. B. Susong, C. C. Crawford, J. D. Lillard, Sam Wilson, Dr. J. A. Thomas, T. M. Clark, Ocas O'Neil, L. L. Gott, and all other known democrats of the county herein not specifically mentioned are hereby appointed delegates to the conventions to be held at Nashville May 26 and 27th 1914, and the credentials necessary to make and constitute them delegates will be a certificate so stating signed by the chairman of this convention.

While the committee was out speeches were made by C. B. Mims and R. B. Hickey. Both condemned the Hooper administration in strong terms and said Tennessee needed a governor who would conduct the affairs of the state for the best interests of her people instead of making the governors office a thing to further the political ends of a gang of politicians as corrupt as Tennessee or any other state ever saw.

After the report of the committee R. B. Hickey and J. F. Stanbery were again elected as chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Democratic Executive Committee for the ensuing two years. The convention then adjourned.

Box Supper at Liberty Hill

On Saturday before the first Sunday in June the ladies of the Liberty Hill Baptist church will conduct a box supper for the benefit of the church. In the afternoon a quilt containing 360 names will be drawn by a number. Two hundred tickets will be sold at ten cents each and the lucky number will win the quilt.

Rev. C. N. Holt,
James Buckner,
H. H. Holt,
Committee.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

"No wonder that Professors die young."

Time: Present! Place! Anywhere.

Hello, this you Professor? Well, this is Marv Simmons, Dr. Jones said I shouldn't come back to school on account of my eyes. Sorry, you say? I imagine you are. You'll pass me though, won't you? Tell some of the girls to get my books together. Goodbye.

"Dear Professor. Dr. Paxton is coming over from Knoxville tonight, will be to see you tomorrow. Big man. Probably ask to examine the graduates. He's making a study of Montessori system. Yours, Henry."

"Who is this, Professor Jones? Oh, I see. I came in to see you about my little boy. He says his teacher doesn't treat him—did say that you had nothing to do with it? Oh, very well! I see you are merely the figure-head. Can't blame my boy for wanting to stop school. Good evening."

"Begorra, this you Professor? Its foine ye are looking this afternoon, what's that ye got wid ye? (Professor has a small dog with him) A cross between an Oirshman and an ape, ye say, well, begorra, he's related to both of us, ain't he?"

"Ees thees Professaar Jones? Ees my liddle boy Angelo in school? Tella heem hees father weesh to see heem. He cant come? Dagger steek thru Professaar's heart some darka night! Honanza!"

"Professor, my daughter says you keep her in after school for being late, she has a very sensitive ma—You have to obey rules you say? Well, undoubtedly you do, but it would behoove you to treat her a little more in keeping with her father's dignity and influence as a member of the board of education."

"Hey, you feller! Air ye the guy whut whipped Jim? Well, I want ye ter understand that ef ye tech him nary nuther time, I'll bust yer head fer ye. Some ye fellers getting too durned smart to live. Blamed ef I don't knife ye next time!"

"Professor why don't you make the girls and boys stop going up the hill together? It makes me tired."

"Professor why don't you make them add another grade?" "Professor why don't you teach German?" Professor—Goodbye."

Last Friday afternoon the Biology class in charge of Miss Starnes went 'bug hunting' armed with umbrellas and kodaks. We didn't find out whether they succeeded in finding any bugs, but they reported a fine time. Incidentally we will add that this class has done splendid work in biology this year, thanks to their very efficient teacher, and also to the fact that the pupils are unusually bright and enthusiastic. A great deal of research work and experiments have enabled them to progress rapidly. They have labored under the handicap of not having a laboratory.

S. A. Brown left Sunday for North Carolina.

DEL RIO NEWS

"Uncle Bill" Clark of route two, was at Newport Saturday.

Mack Cody of Bristol, visited M. N. Stokely and J. W. Justus last week.

Miss Annie Goodnough of Nough, spent several days at Newport recently.

Miss Eunice Harris was shopping at Morristown Wednesday.

Miss Annie Huff, who has been teaching at Etawah, returned home Sunday.

Lee Strange of Newport, was visiting in this community Sunday.

Mrs. A. P. Cobb was at Morristown Saturday.

Earl Boyer was at Knoxville Wednesday to take an examination in telegraphy.

The seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jones, on route two, is very much afflicted with a bone disease of the leg and hip joint.

Mr. and Mrs. King Stokely and family of Nough, visited Mr. and Mrs. Marve Jones Sunday.

Mrs. Hattie Russell-Rader of Knoxville, who has been visiting Mrs. Katherine Hux, Charlie and Will Hux, of route one, returned home Sunday, accompanied by Miss Selma, daughter of Will Hux.

Dr. Wilbur G. Ruble of Morristown, visited home folks Sunday.

T. N. Huff has gone to Sevierville to accept a position as deputy marshal.

Floyd Calfee of White Pine, was here Tuesday.

"Uncle Joe" Huff, John A. Jones, Creed McMahan, Estell Stokely, Will Bryant, John Jones and Chan Hahn are attending the farmers convention at Knoxville.

Pleased With Our Paper

Editor Plain Talk:

I have received the first copy of Plain Talk issued under your management and want to compliment you on the neat appearance of the paper, its well filled news columns and local pages, all making a first class country newspaper. You have made a good start and I feel sure the people will appreciate your efforts to give them a real live paper and will be liberal in their support. I am especially pleased with your "Howdy-Do," which you might well have called your editorial platform, since in it you lay down the principles by which you propose to be guided. A great many people will be glad that you are to discontinue all whiskey advertising and that you will admit nothing to your columns that will be harmful in the home. So many editors are so willing to devote their space to anything that will bring in the almighty dollar that it is quite refreshing to find one who is independent enough to close his columns against corrupting and base influences. You have pitched your aspirations on a high plane, and while you may never reach your ideal, we believe the good people of the county will loyally assist you in your ambition to make Plain Talk the best paper in East Tennessee.

With best wishes for your success and prosperity,

Very truly,
Sub Urbe.

ROOSEVELT GREATEST LIVING MAN.

C. F. Boyer Believes He Should be Republican Nominee for President.

TAKES A SHOT AT HOOPER AND HIS PETS.

Points Out Some of the Corruption on the Court House and Post Office Ring. Says Under Present Ruling We Do Not Need House or Senate.

The boss wanted harmony. Yes, the very first move he made in the present campaign was to select a man for representative without consulting the people. The next step was to call his fraudulent committee together without a weeks notice. The instructions were to read and adopt resolutions endorsing himself and Sam R. Sells. Then came, through their boss, their sincere regrets that they could not endorse me. Following this gag instructions O. L. McMahan came forward and said he would be a candidate for representative, that he could take care of this place, along with the superintendent of public instruction, member of the committee to purchase books for the school children of the state, teacher of public schools and member of the hook-worm department. The boss says he wants to give the young men a chance. He means, I think, that he wants to give this one man a chance, and when confronted with this statement: "You have made a mistake in putting O. L. McMahan up for us to vote for," replied that "it was the best he could do in Cocke county."

Have we only one young man in the good county of Cocke whom he could trust to do his bidding? Our boss is very loud mouthed about civic righteousness, temperance and the enforcement of laws. It has not been so very long ago that he was working in full harness for the "unlawful liquor interests" of Tennessee, using all the financial aid and mouth that he has in their behalf. He has done this long since I abandoned the cause of the whiskey traffic (except drinking a drop now and then) and when every effort known to human rottenness to defeat me was used and after his lamentable failure, he undertakes to say what my politics are. He says he is in favor of enforcing the laws of Tennessee. I think perhaps, he, from public sentiment, is willing to enforce the law against some poor helpless creature who sells a pint of mean whiskey. But how about the enforcement of laws under which you have spent thousands of dollars through your fire marshalls and penitentiary guards and others. There has been a man in this county for several days ordering a barrel of beer at a time and when he could hardly walk was on the streets yelling for you, temperance, and the enforcement of the laws. Your cry for law, order and civic righteousness must be heard by somebody else besides the court house and post office ring before you fool the people again.

You say: "Boyer, why are you against our boss?" First, I will say that the bosses are all the offspring of Satan. They are not for the common people, but are for themselves at the expense of the common people. They only want to use you as an asset at voting time. I am against Hooper's law forbidding a poor, unfortunate man, either white or black, from voting because he can neither read or write. I am against any governor turning men out of office when they have been elected to that office by the people. Hooper

is for some things that I am for and he is for some things that I am against. The fire marshal law only means a hand out of \$35,000 of the people's money annually simply for places for men to go over the state and bark for him. Why not abolish this law along with some others? Why still ring from the tax ridden people of the state their hard earned money to keep up a useless gang of politicians? Tell me what benefit the fire marshalls and hookworm agents are, except to get money for this purpose? I believe we ought to have a new constitution, an amendment so as to do away with the house of representatives or the senate. One or the other is as much as the people of the state should have to pay, and the way our state is run now, under boss rule, we do not need either.

I believe in the policies of Theodore Roosevelt, that the hope of success for the Republican party is to nominate him for president in 1916. I believe that he is the greatest living man on this continent today. He believes that flesh and blood has higher rights than the almighty dollar. He believes in the protection of every citizen to the end that all are entitled to a square deal.

C. F. BOYER.

Leadvale News

Mrs. Goodman is spending a few weeks with homefolks.

The Misses Hudsons, who have been in school at Dandridge for the past eight months are now at home.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Carson, a big boy.

Rev. Stuart filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday. A very large crowd was present.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Patton, a baby girl.

The little Phillips girl, who got seriously burned a few days ago by running into a bed of coals where they had been burning brush, is improving.

The three Mrs. Bibles and daughters were shopping in Newport Wednesday.

The farmers of this section are getting along nicely with their crops.

Mrs. J. K. Spurgeon is visiting her mother, Mrs. McNabb.

Mrs. L. E. Bible has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. H. Gooche.

Ten to Twenty Years

For Wife Murder

Fletcher Harris, the negro who shot his wife to death in this county while on a passenger train at Wolf Creek, several weeks ago, was tried in the circuit court this week and given a sentence of from ten to twenty years in the penitentiary. He confessed to murder in the second degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hill and Miss Nelle Williams of Knoxville, motored to Newport Sunday.